

andy + kim







our note to you.





hello there!

SO NICE TO MEET YOU.

Thanks so much for taking the time to get to know us and hear some of our story. We can't begin to express how grateful we are that you would consider us to be your child's adoptive parents.

Please know that we can't imagine the amount of strength, courage, and trust it's taken for you to walk through this process. We want you to know that we have been praying for you and your child from the moment we began pursuing adoption and will continue to do so on a daily basis. We also want you to know that we offer you our sincere help and support during this time.

Our heart and promise to you is to raise your child in a loving and supportive home. We hope that through these words and photos, you can see the loving home and adoptive family we can offer your child.

Thanks again for providing us this opportunity. We are humbled that you are taking the time to hear about our hopes and dreams for the future of our family.

You and your child are loved.

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our love story

BY KIM

We met at church after being encouraged to meet by some mutual friends. There was a very quick connection, especially after spending a lot of time getting to know each other through email and text. We emailed for two months before we went on our first date, so by the time we officially went on the date we knew almost everything about each other. These emails were long, personal, honest and fun! Once we started dating in person, it didn't take long for us to realize that we wanted to get married and spend the rest of our lives together.

We wanted something simple for our wedding. We got married in the courtyard of a church under a tree. We had one of our friends marry us, his wife attended with one other couple. Afterwards, we headed to one of our favorite restaurants to celebrate. We had a dessert reception with all of our family and friends a few weeks later. It was the perfect wedding celebration for us. Intimate ceremony with our closest friends and then a big party with all of us where we could just sit back and relax while eating desserts and drinking chocolate milk! This November we will be married eight years.



our hearts for adoption



adoption can be such a beautiful gift

We began trying for a child after our first year of marriage. We thought it would happen quickly and although we have known a lot of people with infertility issues, we didn't think that would happen to us. Admittedly, we were a little naive. After that year went by and nothing was happening, we decided to consult our doctors. Kim ended up having surgery for endometriosis and a few months later we discovered our chances of having a biological child were very unlikely. We decided to try some medications to see if that would help our odds. Kim didn't react well to the medications and at that time we felt God was closing that door.

We have both always had a deep desire to grow our family. We always discussed wanting to adopt and after going through infertility, we knew God was closing the door on biological children but opening the door for adoption. We have close friends that are adopted, that have adopted, and have family that has been adopted and adopted themselves. We even know a couple birth moms. Adoption can be such a beautiful gift and we are honored to hear when someone shares their adoption story.





andy

IN KIM'S WORDS

ANDY IS GOING TO BE A HANDS-ON FATHER. HE IS SUCH A GREAT TEACHER AND LEADER AND I KNOW HE WILL BRING THOSE GIFTS INTO HIS ROLE AS A FATHER.

I think one of my favorite things about Andy is how he genuinely loves and cares for everyone. With him working at a church, he tends to get to know a lot of people. When he introduces me to someone that I have never met, they go in for a hug with me right away. I don't think it is just because they feel an instant connection with me, I believe it is because Andy does such a good job caring for others that they feel a connection with me because of how much they already know and love Andy. Andy does the little things for me. Every morning he brings me a cup of tea in bed. I love him because he is always asking how he can be a better husband and what he can do better. He is always checking in, so we can be the best version of ourselves for each other.

My first experience seeing Andy with kids was at church. I would hear all of the kids say "Uncle Andy" and they always made sure to run up to him and give him a hug or high five. Since then, I have gotten to see him with all of our nephews, I am fairly certain he is their favorite. Who doesn't love an uncle that is fun, good at sports and music, and is funny!



a little bit about andy

my occupation

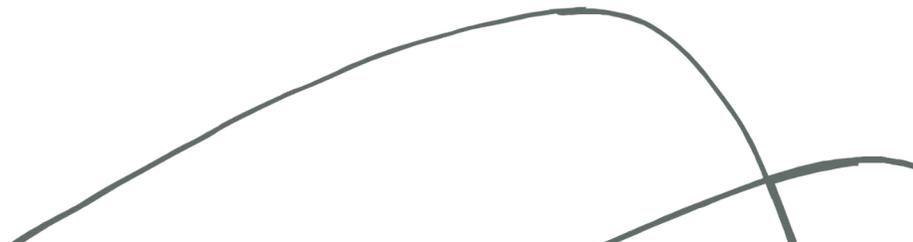
I work as a pastor, specifically in developing staff and young leaders. It's my job to help them grow as leaders, but more importantly, as people. I love my job and what I get to do, and I've been entrusted with more and more responsibility in coaching and leading young staff so they can grow to achieve what they dream of doing. The environment is very family-friendly; they care deeply about staff being free to give your family your best time and energy.

in my free time

Kim and I love spending time together, especially with good food and friends. I really enjoy trying new foods, as well as cooking. I also really enjoy sports. I've coached varsity boys basketball in the past. I'm an avid golfer, and even went to college on a golf scholarship. I also enjoy music and have played the saxophone since the 4th grade.

becoming a father

To me, some of the most exciting things about becoming a father are the chance to help our child learn who they are and help them grow and develop into the person they're designed to be. I'm also looking forward to loving a child and helping them to grow up in the same type of environment I had the privilege of experiencing where I always felt loved and cared for.





kim

IN ANDY'S WORDS

KIM IS A NATURAL WITH KIDS AND I KNOW SHE WILL BE AN AMAZING MOM! SHE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE A CHILD FEEL SEEN, LOVED, AND SPECIAL.

Kim is an amazing person. She has a gift of making others comfortable, and I think it's because she is so comfortable in her own skin. She will never be the center of attention, but she has a way of connecting individually with people to make them feel special. She's the first to check in with someone to see how they're doing and first to offer help if someone needs it. She is thoughtful and kind and consistently believes the best of others. She encourages me and often asks how she can help and make life easier. She's also funny and smart and pushes me to be better in the sweetest, kindest way.

Kim volunteers with kids at church, and when the kids see her, they light up and get excited to spend time with Ms. Kim!. Their parents also love how she makes their kids feel special. Kim is so good at being with kids on their level. She's the first to get on the floor and jump in to play with them, joining them in whatever fun they're already having. I can't wait to see the impact she can have as a mom!



a little bit about kim

my occupation

I have worked as an office manager for almost 11 years now. It is a wonderful work environment and we all pull together to make sure others can attend special events for their kids when they happen during business hours. I work four days each week and I am home Friday through Sunday.

my hobbies

I love to read, like really love to read. Last year I read 32 books and I am already at 29 for 2022. I also enjoy refinishing furniture. I like scouting out estate sales or thrift stores for something that looks undesirable and making it into something beautiful and unique. I also enjoy hiking. I used to run and maybe one day I will be there again but for now walking and hiking are my go to outdoor activities.

becoming a mother

For as long as I remember I have always wanted to become a mom. I have always enjoyed connecting with kids, helping them grow and become comfortable in their own skin. I am overjoyed with the opportunity that you are even taking the time to read through our profile to see if I would be the mom you would want and Andy would be the dad you would want for your child. I am looking forward to getting to connect with, raise up, love on, empower, show God's love to your child and in doing so that you may know how much you are loved, too.



our family values



We value and cherish our time together.

We make it a priority to eat dinner together each evening. Andy cooks while we talk about the highs and lows of our day. After dinner we spend most nights playing games, talking, or watching a show. Our current game choice, is either bowling or golf on the Nintendo Wii. We love enjoying new restaurants, exploring the city, hiking, traveling, and hanging with friends.



Being open and honest is so important to us.

We've made it a goal to have honest communication and work hard to be on the same page about both small and big things. We create space to talk and connect regularly during our highs and lows each day. We also ask each other weekly what I can do to bless you this next week and what can I work on to be a better spouse.

We love to travel.

We typically like to do one big trip every couple of years and multiple long weekend trips throughout the year. One of our most recent trips was out to California for a cousin's wedding. We added on some extra days and went to Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park. Then we ended the trip in San Francisco to visit Kim's brother and sister in law. We also enjoy experiencing cultures in different cities and regions of the country. Each trip is different and unique. We're already excited about planning our next trip!

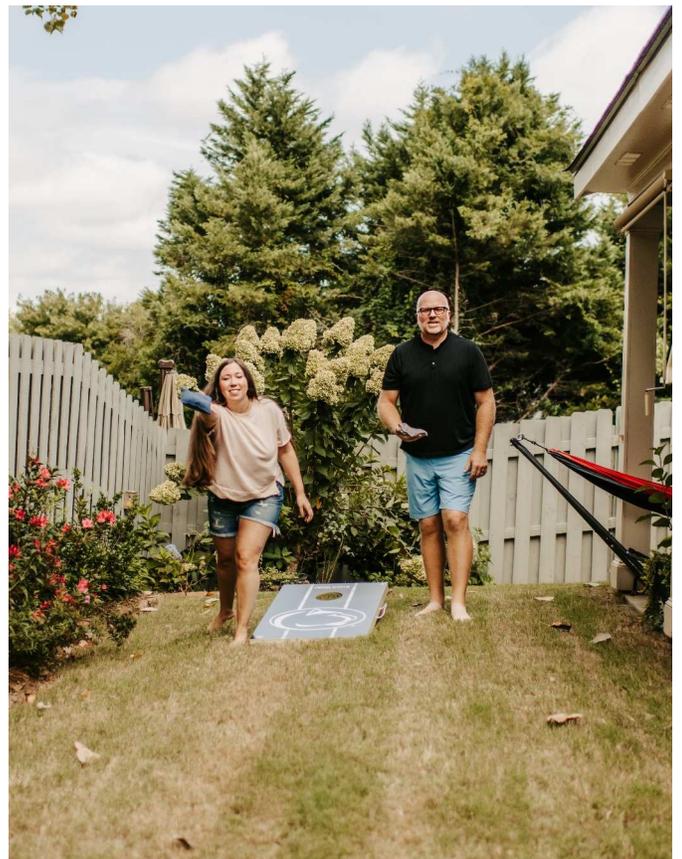


We value our faith and loving others.

Our faith impacts everything about us and shapes the way we see the world. We will raise our child with those same values; primarily helping them to learn to love, value, and serve others, using how God uniquely wired and gifted them to make an impact. We are very involved with our church family, and they have been praying for you and your child regularly.

We make date days a priority.

We both have Fridays off so that is typically our date day, soon to be family day. We like to take turns planning the day, sometimes it is a surprise to the other, sometimes it is one of our "old faithful" dates. If our date includes the city we make it a priority to get our favorite ice cream from Jeni's; we LOVE it!

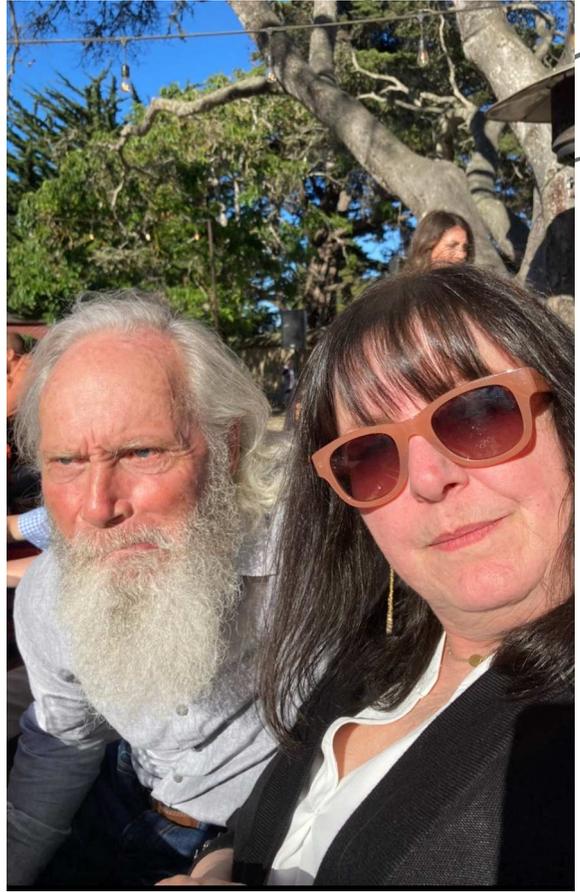




meet our family

Andy's parents, Dale and Pat, have been married for 46 years. His younger sister, Katie, is married to Nick and they have three boys, Parker, Jackson and Gavin. Kim's parents are John and Jane. They have been married for 51 years. Casey, her sister, is the oldest of the siblings. She is a single mom to Toren, who is 15, and Brecken, who is 7. Nick, is the brother that was sandwiched between two sisters. He is married to Kelly and they do not have children yet.

Kim has an enormous extended family, over 20 cousins, 39 second cousins and 1 third cousin. However, by the time this goes to print the number will surely rise as they are always adding to the crew! In that group there is one cousin that has an open adoption with her son's birth mom. It has been a special experience getting to talk with them about their adoption first hand. We are close with our immediate and extended family. We see our immediate family a couple of times a year but talk almost every day on the phone. We see Kim's extended family once a year for some sort of family reunion. We love that we have such a large group that makes it a priority to connect even when we are spread throughout the states. We have family in Hawaii, California, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Delaware. We are all vastly different and at different stages of life but all love each other and would do anything for each other. At every get together the family asks about our adoption journey and are anxiously awaiting to meet them!





We love to celebrate holidays and have dreamed for a long time how we will make them special for our kids.

When we first got married we knew we wanted kids so we decided early on we would travel every other year for the holidays. We wanted to create space so when we had kids we were able to celebrate at home and not be traveling every year. What that looks like for us is, this year we are traveling. Christmas we will travel to Pennsylvania to celebrate with Andy's family and we will spend Thanksgiving in Minnesota. On the years we don't travel we invite anyone down that wants to for the holidays so each year "home" it looks different. Andy is an amazing cook and is in charge of most of the meals. His turkey is the absolute best! Christmas morning we wake up, make bacon and pancakes and then unwrap our gifts one at a time. The Friday before Christmas we hop in our car, get a Starbuck's hot chocolate and go look at Christmas lights. We have it down to a science now. We know the best neighborhoods to drive through!

Our neighborhood has a 4th of July parade, where kids and families decorate their bikes and golf carts. It is pretty cute. They also go crazy (in a good way) with fireworks in the neighborhood. This past year we could sit on our back porch and see three shows at once. It was amazing, if you like fireworks which we do!

We go big with birthdays! Instead of a birthday, we do birthday weeks. Each day we do something small for the other leading up to our actual birthday. It is a fun tradition we plan on continuing with our kids. So you can know your child will be well celebrated with special little gifts each day!

our
holiday
traditions





our home



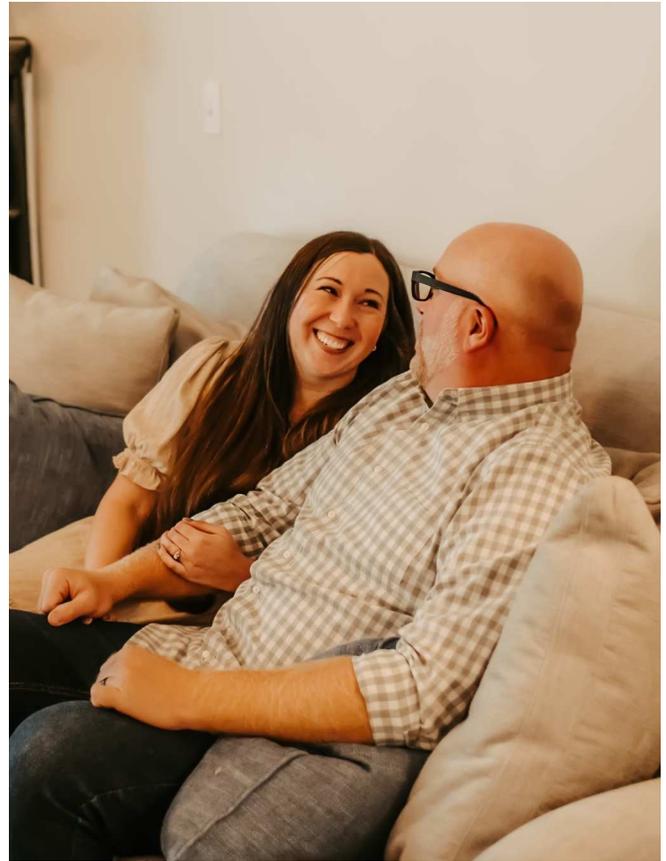


When we moved into our home over five years ago, we chose it because we wanted children and could see them grow up in it. We wanted plenty of bedrooms, a good community and great schools. We love that it is a newer home but has a lot of characteristics of an older home. From the outside it looks small but once you walk into the long hallway you immediately see that looks can be deceiving and how inviting it is. We have a four bedroom home, plus a bonus room that we dream to make a playroom one day!

Our neighborhood is such a great place to raise a family. The neighbors are kind and always willing to lend a hand. Some of our closest friends live in the neighborhood and we get together on a weekly basis with them. We have a community pool, two playgrounds and a few green spaces for kids to run and play. Our neighborhood values families and they have events throughout the year to celebrate that. An Easter egg hunt, back to school bash, food trucks, 4th of July parade are just a few of these events.



our future



We plan to stay in the home and community we are in for the foreseeable future. We love the relationships we have formed in the neighborhood and have close friends that we regularly spend time with that live a few streets back. We enjoy traveling and will continue to do so as a family once we add children to our home. We know it will look different once we have children but we can't wait! We are looking forward to seeing the world through their eyes; full of hope, wonder, and amazement.

While we haven't been blessed with a biological or adopted child thus far, our desire is to have two or three children. Andy grew up with one sibling and Kim with two. We would love for our child to have a sibling to go through life with. While this is our first adoption, we plan to adopt again.



our thoughts

ON EDUCATION

We plan to send our children to public school. We both went to public school and had great experiences. However, we know that situations can change. If our child would benefit more from a different environment, we would be very open to exploring how we can best prepare our child for success.

While we do value education, we also know that college isn't for everyone. We will work with our child to help plan a future that makes the best sense for them individually. We understand that they will have hopes and dreams for their life, and we want to encourage, support, and parent them toward those dreams. We feel it's our role as a parent to give them the tools they need to reach their dreams for their future.

before you go





Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us.

Thank you for taking the time to take a quick peek into our lives. It is a little intimidating, knowing you are reading about us and seeing if we would be a good fit to be a part of your child's family. We hope we did a good job showing the authentic us; we enjoy living life to it's fullest while honoring, loving and connecting with others. Please know that we have been praying for you, since we have started on our journey of adoption. We have been praying for your health, praying you know how deeply loved you are, and how amazing you are. What a honor it is that you are considering partnering with us in your adoption journey. If it is your desire, we would like to continue our relationship throughout the pregnancy and after your child has been born. The more loving people that are for a child is a good thing!

We are forever grateful for you.

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